

## WAR COMMISSION IS IN WASHINGTON.

A Simple Greeting for Balfour  
and Other Members of the  
British Mission.

### VISITORS ARE WELL GUARDED

Every Precaution Taken by Wash-  
ington Officials to Protect the Dis-  
tinguished Party While Here.

Washington, April 23.—The Ameri-  
can capital today extended a simple  
but heartfelt welcome to the British  
minister for foreign affairs, Arthur J.  
Balfour, and the other members of the  
British commission, which has come  
to Washington, as Mr. Balfour him-  
self expressed it, "to make co-opera-  
tion easy and effective between those  
who are striving—with all their power  
—to bring about a lasting peace by  
the only means that can secure it—  
namely a successful war."

Washington, clad in the light green  
foliage of the season, never looked  
more beautiful than this afternoon  
when the special train which had  
brought the distinguished visitors  
drew into the Union Station. Every-  
where bunting flew in the light  
breeze, mainly the American national  
colors. The British Union Jack and  
the French tricolor were in evidence  
in many places.

#### Not a Festive Affair.

There were no other decorations  
and even at the Union Station the only  
touch of color was lent by the three  
large flags, the American, British and  
French, which were hoisted on three  
great masts adorning the plaza. Nor  
was there any music to greet the vis-  
itors, the original plan, including the  
presence of the marine band, having  
been amended to conform to the view  
expressed by President Wilson and  
Secretary Lansing that this was a  
grave and serious event in American  
history and not to be lightly treated  
or regarded as a social and festive  
affair.

On the plaza five thousand people  
waited for a glimpse of the Nation's  
guests, restrained at a proper distance  
by hundreds of policemen and by two  
troops of the Second Cavalry from  
Fort Meyer.

#### Detectives Everywhere.

Within the station lines had been  
drawn separating the traveling public  
from the space at the eastern end of  
the concourse across which the visit-  
ing party was to pass on the way from  
the train shed to the President's room.  
Two score newspaper men standing to  
the east of the concourse were the  
only unofficial persons permitted per-  
mitted in this section of the station.  
Detectives swarmed everywhere  
through the crowds and at various  
angles where any danger might lurk.  
Altogether the precautions taken to  
insure the safety of the Nation's vis-  
itors exceeded anything ever known  
in the history of the district.

### TREADWELL MINES CAVE IN

Juneau, Alaska, April 23.—A surface  
cave-in along a fault into an enormous  
worked out stope, which let the waters  
of Gastineau Channel into the  
lower workings, forced the abandon-  
ment of the Alaska Treadwell, the  
Alaska United and the Alaska Mexi-  
can, three of the largest units of the  
famous Treadwell group of mines, at  
midnight last night.

The cave-in is said to be one of the  
greatest misfortunes in the history of  
Alaskan mining.

The influx of water forced the  
miners from the workings. The alarm  
was given by an engineer who had  
been watching the general settling of  
the surface, and all the men were  
quickly raised to the surface.

### SWEDISH WORKMEN REVOLT

London, April 23.—Telegraphing  
from Copenhagen regarding the work-  
ers' demonstrations before the Swed-  
ish parliament in Stockholm Saturday  
while the food situation was being  
discussed, the correspondent of the  
Exchange Telegraph Company says:

"Throughout the delivery of the  
speeches in the Riksdag the crowds  
outside were quiet, but occasional  
cries for a republic and a revolution  
were to be heard."

"This demonstration has caused an  
enormous sensation in Stockholm and  
rumors of a revolution are persistent-  
ly circulated throughout the country.  
French demonstrations of a far more  
serious character are expected May 1.  
The royal castle is being strictly  
guarded by a corps of marine in-  
fantry."

FAIRFAX HARRISON



Fairfax Harrison of the Southern  
railway is chairman of a board of  
five men named by the council of  
national defense to direct the opera-  
tion of American railways through-  
out the war.

### MAY CONTROL PRICES OF FOOD

Secretary Houston Also Asks Author-  
ity of Congress for Supervision  
of All Production.

Washington, April 21.—The govern-  
ment's program for food control  
during the war was put before con-  
gress today by Secretary Houston in  
a communication to the senate asking  
power for the department of agricul-  
ture to take direct supervision of food  
production and distribution in the  
United States and requesting a \$25-  
000,000 appropriation for putting the  
plan into operation.

Authority was asked for the Coun-  
cil of National Defense, in an emer-  
gency, to buy and sell foodstuffs and  
to fix maximum and minimum prices.

The government's plan is first to  
make a complete survey of the coun-  
try's food supply to determine its  
ownership and distribution, then, if  
necessary, to license and control the  
operations of all concerns engaged in  
the manufacture of food or feeds,  
agriculture implements and all ma-  
terials required for agriculture pur-  
poses. Authority is sought for the  
agriculture department to take over  
and operate the concerns if at any  
time it appears that course is demand-  
ed by the public interest.

Giving the government power to  
deal directly in foodstuffs probably  
would make its application unneces-  
sary, Secretary Houston declared, as  
its very existence would tend to keep  
conditions normal. He proposed that  
the government should have full dis-  
cretion, saying it might be wise if an  
emergency arose to fix prices on a  
single commodity.

Market grades and classes for farm  
products, Secretary Houston said, is  
one of the chief needs of the country  
to insure proper conditions in produc-  
ing and marketing farm products.

Enlargement of the market news  
service of the department was recom-  
mended as a means of insuring equita-  
ble distribution, to prevent undue  
food shortage in any consuming center  
and to provide against wastes due to  
temporary oversupply of foods in  
some communities. The department  
wishes to allow the market service  
division to assist in obtaining re-  
routing of foodstuffs to relieve con-  
gestion on transportation lines.

### CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS.

—The use of any or all of forty-seven  
planing and sawmills, represented by  
industries centering around Kansas  
City, has been tendered the govern-  
ment and the Council of National De-  
fense.

—Cancellation of fun and froth and  
elimination of all social features at  
the 1917 session of the Imperial coun-  
cil of the Ancient Arabic Order No-  
bles of the Mystic Shrine for North  
America, to be held in Minneapolis  
June 26, 27 and 28, has been deter-  
mined upon.

## BALFOUR A GUEST AT WHITE HOUSE

Most Notable Dinner in a Gen-  
eration Given in Honor of  
the British Official.

### PLANNING FOR CONFERENCES

Visitors Getting Acquainted While  
Laying Basis for Future Discus-  
sions of War Problems.

Washington, April 24.—Great Brit-  
ain's war commissioners spent today  
in the American capital receiving  
every mark of honor and courtesy  
within the gift of the government.

Foreign Secretary Arthur James  
Balfour, formally presented by Sec-  
retary Lansing to President Wilson in  
the morning, was the guest of honor  
tonight at the most notable dinner  
given at the White House in a gen-  
eration. During the day he was pre-  
sented to Vice President Marshall at  
the capitol, lunched with Ambassador  
Jusserand at the French embassy and  
received cards or calls from many  
prominent persons, including former  
Secretary Bryan.

Meanwhile Lieut. Gen. Bridges and  
other British army officers call on  
Secretary Baker, Major General Scott,  
chief of staff and war department of-  
ficials; Admiral DeChair and his na-  
val aides called on Secretary Dan-  
iels, Admiral Benson and other navy  
department officials; and Lord Con-  
liffe, governor of the Bank of England,  
called on Secretary McAdoo at the  
treasury department.

#### A Warm Welcome.

The conferences so far, with the en-  
thusiasm that the people of the cap-  
ital have shown and the courtesies and  
cordialities extended by the officials,  
has taken the British commission com-  
pletely by surprise. Mr. Balfour, af-  
ter three-quarters of an hour's con-  
versation with President Wilson, re-  
marked enthusiastically that his trip  
had been justified by that meeting alone.

All during the day members of the  
commission exclaimed over the  
warmth of the welcome, especially on  
their arrival yesterday. As if to make  
it more perfect, Washington, just at  
this time, is blossoming into the full  
richness of its spring dress.

### MORE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

Ruthless Submarine Campaign of Ger-  
man Government Had Little Ef-  
fect on the Country's Trade.

Washington, April 24.—Despite the  
German submarine campaign, Ameri-  
can exports in March reached a value  
of \$551,278,000, which has been ex-  
ceeded only once, last January, the  
best month in the country's history.  
Imports of \$270,484,000 set a new  
American record.

Foreign and domestic commerce bu-  
reau statistics announced today show  
the country foreign trade increased in  
March 156 million over February  
totals.

Exports for the nine months end-  
ing with March were valued at \$4,634-  
900,000, against \$2,995,500,000 for the  
corresponding period in 1916 and \$1-  
931,100,000 in 1915. Imports for nine  
months ending with March were  
valued at \$1,818,320,000; at \$1,504,663-  
000 in 1916 and at \$1,213,614,000 in  
1915.

Import records show that the pro-  
portionate amount of goods entering  
free of duty has been increasing  
steadily.

The net balance of gold imports  
for the nine months' period was \$651-  
108,000.

### THE NEW MEXICO LAUNCHED

New American Battleship Is the Equal  
of Any Fighting Vessel Afloat at  
Present.

New York, April 24.—The battle-  
ship New Mexico, comparing favor-  
ably, offensively and defensively, with  
any other fighting vessel afloat, was  
launched at the New York navy yard.  
With no untoward incident marking  
the ceremony, which was private, be-  
cause the Nation is at war, the New  
Mexico moved down the ways five  
minutes before the hour set.

The witnessing assemblage was so  
seated that from the moment the bat-  
tleship trembled into motion until she  
rode the waters at the foot of the  
ways, only the bow could be seen.  
This was one of the measures of pre-  
caution adopted by the naval author-  
ities. The navy yard was strictly  
guarded by marines within and by  
police without.

The New Mexico was christened by  
Miss Margaret C. de Baca, daughter  
of a former governor of New Mexico.

## WILSON TELLS OF DRAFT PLAN

Conscription Under Administration  
Measure Would Be for Industries  
as Well as Army and Navy.

Washington, April 20.—As one step  
toward meeting opposition in Congress  
to the administration's army plans,  
President Wilson today sent a letter  
to Representative Helvering of Kan-  
sas explaining what is meant by se-  
lective draft and expressing earnest  
hope that the bill drafted by the war  
department would be passed. The let-  
ter said:

"I welcome the inquiry in your let-  
ter of April 19 because I have realized  
the truth of what you say from my  
own observations; namely, that what  
is meant to be understood by the se-  
lective draft is not generally under-  
stood throughout the country.

"The process of the draft is, I think,  
very clearly set forth in the bill draft-  
ed by the war department and which I  
so earnestly hope the Congress will  
adopt, but it is worth while to state  
the idea which underlies the bill a lit-  
tle more fully.

"I took occasion the other day in an  
address to the people of the country  
to point out the many forms of patri-  
otic service that were open to them  
and to emphasize the fact that the  
military part of the service was by no  
means the only part, and perhaps, all  
things considered, not the most vital  
part. Our object is a mobilization of  
all the productive and active forces of  
the nation and their development to  
the highest point of co-operation and  
efficiency, and the idea of the selec-  
tive draft is that those should be  
chosen for service in the army who  
can be most readily spared from the  
prosecution of the other activities  
which the country must engage in and  
to which it must devote a great deal  
of its best energy and capacity.

"The volunteer system does not do  
this. When men choose themselves  
they sometimes choose without due  
regard to their other responsibilities.  
Men may come from the farms or  
from the mines or from the factories  
or centers of business who ought not  
to come, but ought to stand back of  
the armies in the field and see that  
they get everything that they need  
and that the people of the country are  
sustained in the meantime.

"The principle of the selective draft  
in short, has at its heart this idea,  
that there is a universal obligation to  
serve and that a public authority  
should choose those upon whom the  
obligation of military service shall rest  
and also in a sense choose those who  
shall do the rest of the nation's work.  
The bill if adopted will do more, I be-  
lieve, than any other single instru-  
mentality to create the impression of  
universal service in the army and out  
of it, and if properly administered will  
be a great source of stimulation.

### PLAN A NEW FOOD BLOCKADE

Scandinavian Countries Who Aid Ger-  
many May Be Put On Rations  
by This Government.

Washington, April 21.—President  
Wilson and his Cabinet took up today  
the question of regulating food exports  
to the Northern European neutrals and  
thus prevent food reaching Germany  
from the United States. Whatever  
policy is adopted will not interfere  
with shipments to neutrals unless they  
benefit Germany. Officials realize  
that the burden of stopping the flow  
of food into the enemy's country  
through the north must fall largely  
on this country.

Great Britain, of course, will con-  
tinue to maintain the blockade of the  
German coast.

### NO BOND ISSUE AT PRESENT

Government Will Meet the Early War  
Requirements With Short Time  
Treasury Certificates.

Washington, April 21.—Treasury  
certificates of indebtedness, author-  
ized up to 2 billion dollars, in the 7-  
billion-dollar war finance measure now  
before Congress, will be issued, Sec-  
retary McAdoo announced today "as  
may be necessary to meet the require-  
ments of the treasury" as soon as the  
bill becomes a law. The first offering  
will be 200 million dollars in certi-  
ficates bearing 3 per cent, payable June  
30, next.

The bonds authorized by the bill  
probably will not be offered before  
sixty days.

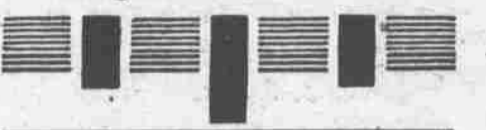
"The secretary appreciates the de-  
sirability of avoiding any derangement  
of the money market," said an offi-  
cial statement, "and in the financial  
operations in which the government  
is about to engage it will be his pur-  
pose to adjust receipts and disburse-  
ments in such a way that as far as  
possible money paid in will be prompt-  
ly returned to the market."

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ness successes and the rest would if  
they had ever had any.

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an is a mystery she wouldn't be.

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bles becoming great if used daily.

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White-footed mice are present in  
almost all parts of this country.

### Getting Old Too Fast?

Late in life the body shows signs of  
wear and often the kidneys weaken  
first. The back is lame, bent and achy,  
and the kidney action distressing. This  
makes people feel older than they are.  
Don't wait for dropsy, gravel, harden-  
ing of the arteries or Bright's disease.  
Use a mild kidney stimulant. Try  
Doan's Kidney Pills. Thousands of el-  
derly folks recommend them.

### A Missouri Case

Mrs. M. E. Gray, 2157  
Kellett Ave., Spring-  
field, Mo., says: "I  
was in bad shape with  
kidney trouble. My  
back pained as though  
it were broken. My  
kidneys acted irregu-  
larly and the kidney  
secretions were in bad  
shape. My sight often  
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me as soon as I tried  
them and continued  
use cured me."

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